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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2850  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN PBOR NU

SUBJECT: SOMOZA DENIES CONNECTION WITH HUGHES MARINE  
OPERATION

1. NOVEMBER 4 LATIN AMERICAN EDITION OF MIAMI HERALD  
CARRIED LENGTHY ARTICLE FROM LONDON OBSERVER BY  
CHARLES FOLEY ALLEGING THAT THE REAL REASON FOR  
EXTENDED VISIT IN NICARAGUA LAST YEAR OF HOWARD  
HUGHES WAS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL SOMOZA  
ON THE EXPLOITATION OF THE SEABED OFF THE COAST OF  
NICARAGUA. ARTICLE LEFT STRONG IMPRESSION THAT  
HUGHES INTERESTS ARE CONDUCTING SUCH OPERATIONS IN  
NICARAGUAN WATERS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. GENERAL SOMOZA CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE OF  
INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES NOVEMBER  
5 TO DENY THE REPORT, WHICH HE CALLED "A LIE." HE  
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SAID, "I HAVE NO AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES TO MINE THE

SEABED WHICH IS GOVERNED BY AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS." SOMOZA  
ADDED THAT HE HAD NEVER SPOKEN WITH HUGHES ABOUT  
THE SUBJECT.

3. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR,  
SOMOZA SHOWED CONSIDERABLE IRRITATION OVER THE STORY  
AND SAID HE WANTED THE US TO KNOW THAT HE HAD NO  
AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES AND HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING  
ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OF  
UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON SEABED USE.  
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